

--These and other objects are attained by means of a laminated packaging material comprising at least two layers wherein the adhesive bonding strength between the at least two layers is reduced or eliminated along the crease lines of the packaging laminate. One of the layers can be locally treated along the crease lines in order to counteract adhesion of the adjacent layer. The adhesion counteracting agent can be applied between the layers along the crease lines.

Preferably, one of the layers is paper or paperboard. The second layer can be aluminum foil or a greaseproof paper.

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A method for producing a crease-lined packaging laminate in accordance with the present invention includes applying an adhesion counteracting agent in the regions of the crease lines between the at least two layers. Another method for producing a crease-lined packaging laminate in accordance with the present invention includes applying an adhesion-promoting agent in the regions outside of the crease lines between the at least two layers. Alternately, the at least two layers are adhered to one another by heating the laminate and an insufficient quantity of heat is applied to the regions of the crease lines.

In practicing these methods, the adhesion-promoting agent can be a UV-curing or EB-curing agent and curing can be carried out by subjecting the laminate to UV- or EB-radiation after the two layer have been laid together. The adhesion can also be carried out by heating the layers wherein the regions of the crease lines absorb an insufficient quantity of heat for adhesion. Differential heating can be carried out by blackening or darkening the surfaces on the at least one layer, leaving the regions of the crease lines white or light and subjecting the laminate to IR-radiation.

In use, the laminate can be used to make packaging containers.--

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 14 as follows:

14. (Amended) A packaging laminate comprising:
a first layer;
a second layer bonded to the first layer having a first bond strength;